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1. The raw materials installation in the attached plan services furnaces 1 - 10. The elevator shown at the left of the sketch is to serve furnaces 10 - 20.
2. The conveyor, supplied by Bleichert of Leipzig, carries ore, coke and other materials from the bunkers, then by way of the raw materials installation to the elevator.
3. The raw materials installation has 400 men, the furnace installation 400, the main plant 300 to 400.

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- b. The Soviets want to discuss Asiatic problems with the Asiatics (excluding the US, and also Britain and France) as "Asiatics among themselves."
- c. The Soviets are determined to bring about a Five Power Conference, because there they would be backed by the Chinese, against the Americans, and they hope to use the British and the French in their own game.
- d. The Soviets are not interested in solving the problems under discussion with the West, they use these problems so as to create maximum dissension among the Westerners. For instance, the partition of Germany suits them and they know by now that they have nothing to gain by reuniting Germany. But they exploit this problem for stirring up trouble between the US, Britain and France.
- 4. The Soviets place no confidence in any "paper agreement" or "paper guarantee" of peace. The only guarantee which means anything to them is the balance of forces. At present they will not embark on any aggressive action outside the Soviet orbit, however loudly they may abuse the Western world. But they will react violently against any Western attempt to interfere within the Soviet orbit.
- 5. Malenkov and his group of "managers" seek to obtain an improvement in East-West relations, mainly for trade reasons, but also to gain time, which they feel works for them. Therefore they have decided to be more courteous than the old timers have been.
- 6. Soviet foreign policy is directed by Molotov, who by sheer habit is intransigent, and sets enormous emphasis on Soviet prestige. His relations with Malenkov are at present good. Since Beria's removal, there is a "detente" among the remaining Soviet leaders. West. But they differ as to the methods to be employed and the tactics to be used. Hence the "hesitations" which may be noted in Soviet foreign policy.
- 7. The army's increased influence is officially denied and is being carefully camouflaged.

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A ~~sketch~~ copy of a sketch of the Installation.

(There is nothing on the sketch to identify the installation but believe it is a Foundry Combine West (Calbe) with sketches of the Furnaces 1-10, elevator serving furnaces 10-20,

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conveyor carrying ore, coke, etc to the elevator.)

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